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## RECENT RESEARCHES IN THE WOLCOTT GIBBS MEMORIAL LABORATORY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY<sup>1</sup>

THE Wolcott Gibbs Memorial Laboratory of Harvard University is one of the most significant monuments ever built in memory of a chemical investigator. So far as I know, only the Davy-Faraday Laboratory in London, the van't Hoff Laboratory in Utrecht, and the Hofmann Haus in Berlin equal it in importance. Because Professor Wolcott Gibbs was one of the founders and presidents of the National Academy of Sciences, an account of the memorial building and of its first fruits is especially appropriate here to-day.

The new laboratory was initiated by the late Dr. Morris Loeb, the devoted and able pupil of Gibbs. He and his brother, James Loeb, subscribed \$50,000, provided that other friends of Harvard University should raise \$50,000 more. With admirable feeling, Dr. Loeb especially desired that the building should be named in honor of his former teacher and friend. In March, 1910, Dr. Alexander Forbes and other generous donors having greatly helped, the fund was completed; and in January, 1913, the building was opened for work, so that it has now been almost three years in full activity.

It is a great pleasure to express here the very lively gratitude, both on behalf of the university and on my own account, which I feel for the liberal interest of all these benefactors in the construction of this building.

Being the first of a large group of chem-

<sup>1</sup> Address delivered at the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in New York, November 16, 1915.